



Exploring the most influential papers in Vietnam's political economy in the past ten years

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Centre for Interdisciplinary Social Research | Phenikaa University (by Ho Manh Toan; 27 December 2020. ***Original preprint:** <https://osf.io/jqw4a/download>) – This short explorative article looks at the list of papers on Vietnam's political economy in the past ten years.

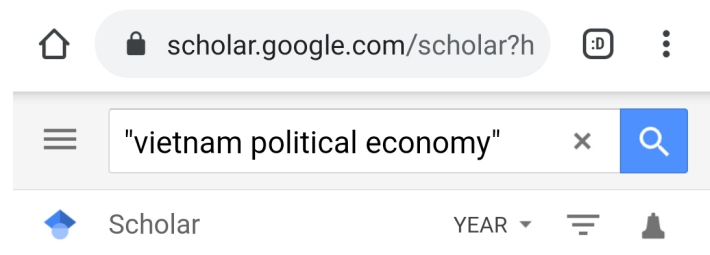
The study used Google Scholar and the number of citations to determine the influential papers. "Vietnam's political economy," "Vietnam political economy," "Vietnamese politics and economy" are searched keywords. The results are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Most cited papers from the Google Scholar database

| Paper | Year | Citations (as of 27-12-2020) | Note |
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| Vietnam's political economy: a discussion on the 1986-2016 period | 2014 | 67 | [1] |
| Vietnam's political economy in transition (1986-2016) | 2014 | 45 | [2] |
| The political economy of development in China and Vietnam | 2014 | 102 | [3] |
| Competing legacies: rupture and continuity in Vietnamese political economy | 2012 | 11 | [4] |
| The political economy of industrial development in Vietnam: Impact of state business relationship on industrial performance | 2015 | 17 | [5] |
| The political economy of food price volatility: The case of Vietnam and rice | 2016 | 21 | [6] |
| The political economy of food price policy in Vietnam | 2014 | 10 | [7] |
| Scaling up rural sanitation in Vietnam: political economy constraints and opportunities | 2011 | 12 | [8] |
| Vietnam: Political economy, marketing system | 2012 | 36 | [9] |
| The missing middle: A political economy of economic restructuring in Vietnam | 2017 | 11 | [10] |

With this set of keywords, we can only find three papers with more than 40 citations since 2010. Notably, they were all published in 2014, so the number of citations can be compared easily. Secondly, it should be noted that papers [1] and [2] are two versions of an article. Paper [1] is a full-length working paper that is available on SSRN. Meanwhile, paper [2] is a shorter version of [1], published in Stratfor Worldview—a leading publication in geopolitical intelligence. So, only [3] is a conventional journal article paper.

Considering papers with more than ten citations, we have some more candidates [4-10]. Moreover, when changing the filter to 'Any time,' several classic works entered the picture: Gainsborough's book from 2003 (141 citations) [11], Popkin's 41-years-old book [12] with 2721 citations, or Quang and Kammeier's paper with 109 citations [11], and some others [13-16].



Vietnam: Political economy, marketing system

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This short article only examines a small number of articles in Google Scholar, and the list is by no means exhaustive. For future studies, researchers should pay attention to several factors. Firstly, different keywords can provide completely different results. For instance, "Vietnam's political economy" and "Vietnam political economy" do not seem too different, but the apostrophe and possessive form make the computer read these two keywords differently.

Thus, a subtle difference like this should not be neglected. Secondly, in the case of papers [1] and [2], it is interesting that they do not show up in the first few pages when entering 'Vietnam political economy' into the Google Scholar's search box, especially without the quotation mark. We suspected because these papers are not conventional journal articles, they are not prioritized by Google Scholar. Indeed, papers in the political economy are not limited to conventional journal articles; there are also valuable working papers from famous institutes [1,5,8,10]. These papers attract many citations, too, and researchers should not forget these papers in any analysis.

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